

Peter O’Keefe spotted that L.B.&S.C.R. was described as London Bridge and South Coast Railway on page 16 – this should of course have been London, Brighton & South Coast Railway.

A.G. Gardner and Robert von Glehn & Sons. - Bulletin 337/24

John Mathews has done a great piece of detective work and writes - I am rather sure this is not a company take-over situation. There is no company with the name "A.G. Gardner" listed in London Directories of that period, but Robert von Glehn & Co are still listed as late as 1889 at least (at which time their address was 7 & 8 Idol Lane, EC). In the Northern Suburbs section of the 1888 London Directory (Court section), there is an Adam Gardner, "Abbotsford", Amhurst Park (Rd), Stamford Hill N (Amhurst Park is still there, part of the A107). The 1891 Census lists Adam and his family at 49 Amhurst Park. Adam was then 61, born in Scotland and a mercantile clerk by occupation. He had several sons, George (29), Arbuthnort (23) and twins Albert E. and Walter S. (21) plus some daughters. Arbuthnort was a mercantile clerk like his father, and the twins were both Brokers' clerks. Now in the 1901 Census, Arbuthnort is listed as "Arbuthnort G. Gardner", 33 years old, an accountant. St Catherine's House (GRO) records show

him as Arbuthnot Guthrie Gardner, born in the last quarter of 1867, at Islington N. He would seem to be the "A.G. Gardner" on the envelope, probably having used one of the stamps of the company he worked for!

[Ed: - Note the difference in spelling – Arbuthnot is probably correct.]